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PATENT  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Masanobu SUGAWARA et al.**

Serial Number: **Not Yet Assigned**  
(PCT/JP01/01132)

Filed: **October 17, 2001**

For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE AMINO ACID  
DERIVATIVES**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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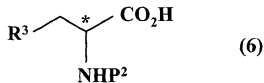
Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims as follows:

7. (Amended) A process for producing an optically active amino acid derivative represented by the following formula (6):



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